

June 27-29 Courage To Lead Introductory Retreat

Here is what educational leaders are saying about the first 2007 Introductory Courage To Lead Retreat held April 27-28:

"This has been an energizing and healing opportunity. I struggled to keep this opportunity as more demands competed for my time. It was worth it."

"Excellent, rewarding, spiritual and something I can take back."

"This retreat was very powerful, welcoming and thought-provoking. Stories were shared, but not forced to be shared ... for me, I leave with a renewed faith in humanity."

"I found it to be a very rewarding experience at which I experienced personal and professional growth, strength and rejuvenation."

There are still spaces available for the June 27-29, 2007 Courage To Lead Introductory Retreat at Rock Creek Resort in Red Lodge, MT. This retreat is being offered by the Office of Public Instruction in partnership with Montana Courage to Teach. It will begin at noon, Wednesday, June 27 and end at noon on Friday, June 29.

Our Courage to Lead Retreat goal will be to engage school principals, administrators and other school leaders in courageous discussions about the work of *renewing and sustaining educators' vocational commitment and personal integrity, individually and in community, so that we may more fully nurture one another's hearts and minds ... and the hearts and minds of our children.*

The Courage To Lead Program

Courage To Lead is a program of quarterly retreats for the personal and professional renewal of teacher leaders, administrators and counselors in the public schools. The program is designed for K-12 educators, on whom our society depends for so much but for whom we provide so little encouragement and support. Courage To Lead retreats focus neither on "technique" nor on school reform, but on renewing the inner lives of professionals in education.



In its root meaning *to educate* means to “lead out” the truth that is in the learner. But in American culture it has largely come to mean the process of filling people up with knowledge and information. This program is an opportunity to be faithful to the true meaning of education, beginning with ourselves. Good leading can never be reduced to technique. Good leading comes from the identity and integrity of the leader.

The Courage To Lead Program focuses on:

- Renewing heart, mind, and spirit through the exploration of the inner landscape of a leader’s life.
- Reconnecting to one’s identity and integrity; identifying and honoring gifts and strengths, and acknowledging limits.
- Creating a context for careful listening and deep connection that also honors diversity in person and profession.
- Helping leaders create safe spaces and trusting relationships in their schools, with their students and colleagues, and within their communities.
- Exploring the relationship between attending to the inner dimension of leaders and leading and the renewal of public education.

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Courage To Lead and Courage To Teach programs engage school leaders and teachers in a series of quarterly retreats over a year or more. To give school leaders a taste of the value of a retreat series, we are offering this Courage To Lead Introductory Retreat.



- When:** **Wednesday-Friday, June 27-29, 2006** - The retreat will begin with lunch at noon on Wednesday and finish at noon on Friday.
- Where:** **Rock Creek Resort in Red Lodge, MT** – Rock Creek Resort in Red Lodge is located 60 miles south of Billings.
- Cost:** **\$75.00 plus transportation costs.** This nominal fee goes toward the cost of the program, all meals and two nights' *shared room* lodging during the retreat. Retreat costs are subsidized by the Office of Public Instruction, The Center for Courage and Renewal with the support of the Rainwater Charitable Foundation. Additional grant funds to cover other retreat costs are also being sought from other area foundations. *A few single rooms are available at an additional cost of \$85 to \$110, plus tax, per night, to be paid upon arrival by check.*
- Registration:** **Early registration is recommended, as space is limited to 20 participants. Due to our booking arrangement with the hotel, the booking deadline to be assured of a room is Friday, May 25, 2007.**
- Please register by mailing your registration form to **Maggie Anderson, P.O. Box 431, Troy, MT 59935. Email: montanactt@Yahoo.com.**
- Make Checks payable to Montana Courage To Teach.**
- Facilitators:** **Maggie Anderson, B.S.,** is a Montana native and jh/hs science/biology teacher in Troy, MT.
- David Henderson, Ed. D.,** is a former hs English teacher and jh/hs principal in Troy, MT and a past Administrative Intern.
- Chris Love, M.S.O.D., M.H.,** is an organization development consultant and trainer in Corvallis, MT. A former English teacher, she occasionally substitute teaches in Corvallis.
- All were trained by *The Center for Courage and Renewal*, Bainbridge Island, WA. www.courageandrenewal.org.
- Credit:** 18 OPI Renewal Credits will be awarded.

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To register, please print and complete the following form



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Wednesday, June 27- Friday, June 29, 2007
Rock Creek Resort, Red Lodge, MT

REGISTRATION

Name: _____

School/System: _____

Position: _____

Work Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Special Dietary Needs (if any): _____
(Participants with unique needs are encouraged to bring their own food, as limited options will be available.)

Please email me about the availability of a single room *at an additional cost of \$85 to \$110 plus tax per night, to be paid upon arrival by check.* ____ Yes ____ No

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